

nothing on comprehensive immigration reform.

And if we did pass comprehensive immigration reform, it would be the biggest economic boom that our country has seen in over 60 years. There are too many Americans out of work. But if we pass comprehensive immigration reform, what we are going to see is, for every 100,000 people in this country who are legalized, it is very likely that we will have 262,000 jobs occur. Do the math, ladies and gentlemen. If 100,000 people are legalized, a certain percentage of them are going to create businesses, and in those businesses they are going to hire American citizens. Americans will go to work. That makes sense. That sounds like the American Dream for Americans, not just for immigrants who come to our country.

One of the things that I would like to point out is, if comprehensive immigration reform were passed, then what would happen is the Federal deficit would go down by \$200 billion just over the next 10 years; and over the subsequent 10 years, it would go down by another \$700 billion. I think that is good for America. I think that any American, when you look at those numbers, would say why don't we pass that law, because when the economy improves, more Americans go to work.

As was mentioned earlier by my colleague, when you have a young boy who is an American citizen who writes a letter to his Congressperson, who writes a letter to the President of the United States as an American citizen who is in tears by telling us, exclaiming, I miss my mother, I miss my father, and they have been deported, that is not an America that we can feel proud of. That is an America that doesn't live its values.

What I say is, you know what, if in 2014 we don't vote on comprehensive immigration reform, why don't we just go ahead and dismantle the Statue of Liberty, because that is something I think, as your average American, we are very proud of. Bring me your huddled masses, your poor.

You know what is great about this country, whether you are Italian, whether you are Russian, whether you are Mexican, whether you are English, whether you are Irish, Canadian, when you come to the United States of America, you make dreams come true, not just your dream, but you employ Americans. You create jobs for American citizens, American-born people.

Comprehensive immigration reform, if you try to couch it as "those people," comprehensive immigration reform is not about "those people." Comprehensive immigration reform is about us, Americans. It is about us improving our economy. It is about us doing the right thing. It is about us welcoming the men, women, and children who come to this country and work as hard as any human being will dare to do, and that makes our economy stronger. That makes America great.

Ladies and gentlemen, I don't speak to you as though comprehensive immigration reform is an emotional issue. I speak of comprehensive immigration reform as an American values issue. As my colleague said earlier about that silly analogy, what if somebody broke into your house, then what would you do, I think he actually put it very well. If somebody painted your house, they cut your grass and took care of your children and your grandmother, don't you think that you owe them something? Don't you think you should extend your hand and say, Welcome. Thank you. I like what you're doing for me.

And that is what immigrants do for our United States of America. They make our country stronger. This country was built on immigrants. Why in the world would we, as Americans, want to support the idea that they are "those people" and they are not part of who we are?

I am only one generation away from being an immigrant myself. My parents came from another country. I was born in this country, and I do live a better life than my parents were raised in, and so do my children. I am proud to be an American-born citizen. And I think as Americans, we should be proud and expect our United States Congress to have a vote on comprehensive immigration reform and to give that opportunity to the people that you have elected to do our job. And our job is to make our economy stronger. Our job is to make laws that make this country better. Our job is to be making laws that are true to our values.

Mr. GARCIA. I thank the gentleman from California for those wonderful words.

I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. POLIS).

Mr. POLIS. We have the chair of my committee to file a rule here on the floor the House. Sadly, it is not a rule for comprehensive immigration reform, but it is a rule for something very important, the budget, which hopefully we will be able to agree on in the next 2 days. And as we discussed earlier before the chair of the Rules Committee joined us, I think we all agree that passing the budget is a very good use of our time here on the floor.

Some of us, Mr. Speaker, in this hour, have talked about the need for immigration reform. We have in the past criticized the apparent urgency with which asbestos bills were somehow rushed out of committee and brought immediately to the floor when we weren't able to move forward on immigration, but this week we are working on something more important.

We need to continue our work to bring up immigration reform. I am speaking from the side of the Chamber traditionally used by Republicans. I had hoped to give this spot up to a member of the majority party, a Republican, who we hope to continue to extend this invitation to debate immigration reform and bring forward an immigration reform bill.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.J. Res. 59, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION, 2014; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES; PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM DECEMBER 14, 2013, THROUGH JANUARY 6, 2014; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. WOODALL, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-290) on the resolution (H. Res. 438) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 59) making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2014, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules; providing for proceedings during the period from December 14, 2013, through January 6, 2014; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on December 9, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill:

H.R. 3626. To extend the Undetectable Firearms Act of 1988 for 10 years.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 12, 2013, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4062. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Derivatives Clearing Organizations and International Standards (RIN: 3038-AE06) received November 22, 2013, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4063. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report and